

THE SPORTING NEWS.

THE PUGILISTS.

READY FOR THE BATTLE.

Sharkey and Munroe are in fine fettle for this evening's contest—betting favors Sharkey.

In the ring to-night at the Second Regiment armory, Philadelphia, Jack Munroe, the Anacosta miner, will have an opportunity of demonstrating whether he is as good a heavyweight pugilist as his friends would have the sporting public believe. Munroe is to meet Tom Sharkey in a six-round bout under the auspices of the Interstate A. C. In Philadelphia no decisions are allowed, the spectators alone being the judges, unless the contest happens to end with a knockout. This is just what experts think will occur in to-night's scrap. As a rule battles between heavyweights are short for the reason that big men go in to slug and end the combat as quickly as they can. Both Sharkey and Munroe are confident that the fight will not last the limit. Munroe says that he will go after the ex-salor from the sound of the gong, just to show that he can strike as hard a blow as his rival. Sharkey's punching powers are known. That New York followers of the game consider the mill an important one is proved by the fact that the counter has been raised in that town. Over 3,000 sports from that city alone have purchased tickets on the special train which will leave for Philadelphia at 8:30 o'clock this evening. The fact that Jim Jeffries has promised to meet the winner has lent further significance to the bout.

In spite of Sharkey's poor showing in the ring of late years he has been made a 2 to 1 favorite in the betting. The sailor's followers do not take Munroe seriously and predict that the fight will be over in less than three rounds with the Irishman the victor. Munroe, on the other hand, is sure that he will win, and hopes to show that Sharkey is not as good a fighter as he was five years ago. Munroe has prepared faithfully and is in fine trim. He has been coached daily by Kid McCoy and has displayed fine form in his training bouts. But whether Sharkey's experience will overcome this remains to be seen. He is a conscientious worker and has labored hard for to-night's essay. The men let up in their work yesterday and will only do light exercise to-day.

Marky Mayer bet. Manny Friend \$500 even that Sharkey would either out Munroe to sleep or make him quit. John Considine has offered to lay \$2,000 that the sailor will win; that is, so decisively that there will be no doubt in the minds of the bettors.

AFTER THE FIGHTERS

According to the Johannesburg correspondent of the Cape Times, Cape Town, Albert Fleming, a well known athletic promoter of that part of the country, has received news from his London and New York agents that Fleming intends to bring to Johannesburg Jack O'Brien and Bob Fitzsimmons to meet the best men at their respective weights. In addition to these fighters Jacob White, the English lightweight champion, who fights at 135 pounds; Ben Jordan, the featherweight champion of England, who can do 124 pounds; Jack Palmer, the English middleweight champion who boxes at 155 pounds; Joe Bowker, premier English bantamweight, and Owen Moran, of Birmingham, a clever bantam, also have been asked to go. These men are to be pitted against the South African champions in twenty round bouts for good purposes.

Fleming has offered liberal terms to Fitzsimmons and O'Brien, and he is confident that they will accept. It is his intention to hold the encounters some time during the coming summer fall. In accepting Fitzsimmons would have a chance of visiting his old home in Australia, a trip which he has been contemplating for some time.

GARDNER-ROOT DRAW

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Contrary to general expectation, there was no winner of the six-round bout at Battery D last night between Jack Root, of Chicago, and George Gardner, of Lowell, Mass. The referee, George Siler, declared it a draw, and his opinion met with general satisfaction.

There was no fault to be found with the lack of vim in any round of the half dozen. Both men fought determinedly but guardedly, and as a consequence there were no knockdowns or knockouts. It was considered the fastest bout between big fellows ever seen in Chicago.

The first blow was Root's, he landed solidly on Gardner's nose in the second round. The third round was Root's, the Lowell man going to the corner very groggy. Throughout the fight Root played for his opponent's head, while Gardner confined his attention to the body, and both were effective.

Crusade Against a Dance.

A crusade has been started by a Liverpool paper against one of the most popular dances of the ballroom—the "lancers"—says the London Evening Standard. Indignant letters from correspondents have been published protesting against what one writer calls "the indecency and indecorum of the modern lancers." Every mother, it is asserted, must feel ashamed of the scenes now witnessed in every ballroom, where, "instead of pretty frocks, which are almost torn off the backs of girls in the mad grip of rough young men, golf cloth or sackings will need to be worn." "It is an insult to girls to bang them about and whirl them often off their feet," says another correspondent.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought.

BASKET BALL.

GAMES PLAYED LAST NIGHT

The Mohawks and the Ramblers were the winners at Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium—Other Games.

The Mohawks won the first game from the Imperials at the Y. M. C. A. "gym" last night. The summary: Mohawks. Imperials. McNaught (c) forward... Hallam (c) Lavigne... forward... Grier... Trowbridge... center... W. Schneider... White... guard... Betsy... Fitzgerald... guard... Diver... Goals from floor, Lavigne 1, Trowbridge 3, White 1, Fitzgerald 1, Grier 1, W. Schneider 3; goals from fouls, McNaught 2, Lavigne 2, Hallam 1; referee, Henry Littlejohn; umpire, Henry McKee; scorer and timer, E. F. Goodyear.

In the second game the Ramblers took the Iroquois into camp by the score of 20 to 12. Ramblers. Iroquois. Stahl (c) forward... Claffey... Currie... forward... Ussokin... Gulliford... center... Martus (c) Reynolds... guard... Gooding... Wheeler... guard... Regan... Goals from floor, Gulliford 4, Stahl 2, Currie 2, Wheel 1, Claffey 1, Ussokin 2, Regan 1; goals from fouls, Stahl 2, Ussokin 1, Regan 3; referee, Henry McKee; umpire, F. J. Danaher; scorer and timer, E. F. Goodyear.

STANDING OF TEAMS.

Team	Won	Lost	P. C.
Imperials	11	3	8.3
Ramblers	7	8	.463
Iroquois	7	8	.466
Mohawks	6	7	.461
Pequots	4	9	.307

To-night at 8 o'clock the Monitors will line up against the Nutmegs, and at 8:45 the Business Men will play the Eagles.

YALE BEATS CORNELL.

New Haven, Feb. 27.—The Yale university basketball five defeated the Cornell university team 28 to 18, last night in the Yale gymnasium, before a small crowd. Both teams played a hard and fast game.

Hanover, N. H., Feb. 27.—Dartmouth defeated Wesleyan at basketball yesterday, 24 to 11.

WILLIMANTIC EASY.

Putnam, Feb. 27.—Putnam defeated Willimantic by a score of 8½ to 4 in an uninteresting game.

FENCING.

YALE DEFEATED COLUMBIA CORNELL BEAT HARVARD.

Columbia's fencers last night won an easy victory over Yale's fenciblemen by a score of 6 bouts to 3. Each college was represented by a team of three men and the bouts were fenced on the stage of Earl hall before a good-sized crowd of spectators. Nine bouts in all were fenced, Columbia gaining a big lead in the first round by winning all three. The summaries: First round—E. Pitou, Jr., Columbia, defeated F. E. Howland, Yale; W. H. Withrow, Columbia, defeated A. L. Lawrence, Yale; L. E. Mahan, Columbia, defeated A. Mendoza, Yale. Second round—A. L. Lawrence, Yale, defeated E. Pitou, Jr., Columbia; W. H. Withrow, Columbia, defeated A. Mendoza, Yale; F. E. Howland, Yale, defeated L. E. Mahan, Columbia. Third round—A. Mendoza, Yale, defeated E. Pitou, Jr., Columbia; L. E. Mahan, Columbia, defeated A. L. Lawrence, Yale; W. H. Withrow, Columbia, defeated F. E. Howland, Yale.

CORNELL'S NARROW SQUEEZE

Ithaca, Feb. 27.—Cornell's fencing team won its meet with Harvard here last night by the narrow margin of one point, the score being 5 to 4. When the regular bouts had been run off the score was even, Captain Bowman and Captain Holmes having tied in their bout. The two captains were chosen to fence off the tie, and at the very last moment the Ithaca got in a stroke which decided the bout by one point and won for Cornell.

The Man Who Wanted to Act.

A letter of application received at the super agency bureau from an aspiring young Booth was precisely as follows: "Dear Sir: I am a young man 20 years of age and would like to know if you have any chance for me your company. I have bin working at a good trade for about 2½ years and my patience do not now about me working at the business at all my pen keep bothering me to go upon the stage. But I hope you do not think I am a stage struck. Is all the same to me if I get a position or not. I tell you why I write this letter, we have a good deal of friends and relations to our house, they all say I am quick and I am foolish for working at the trade I am working at. We have a quiet to home and I am the tenner singer, they all say I have a splendid voice for singing they have troubled so that I go and learn the vaudeville trade. We have an awful jolly family to home we are either singing or telling each jokes to make each other laugh. I am willing to take and learn to enny kind of a position for the start in your company so as to learn the trade to satisfy my patience. I have plaid with the Saristadt Amature Dramatic club in taking anuours. I have new comedien part I am quick and active on my feet and hand. If you now enny company let me now and I will rell the letter to them. Please let me hear from you soon as possible."

BASE BALL.

TIPS TAKEN FROM THE BATS OF THE PLAYERS.

William J. Tracey of Bristol, who is the owner of the Hartford base ball team, has appointed John E. Kennedy of that town the active manager for the coming season. Mr. Kennedy is a personal friend of Mr. Tracey, and is a barber, whose place of business is next door to Tracey's meat market in Bristol. He will have control of the players during the season and will accompany the team on all of its trips, handling the money, etc. for Mr. Tracey. Kennedy has had a good deal of experience in the base ball business, as he was one of the owners of the Bristol team in the season when it won the state league pennant. He knows the player when he sees one, and there is no doubt but that Mr. Kennedy will give a good account of himself. He said yesterday that one more man had been signed by Mr. Tracey and that by next week they would be ready to give the name of the men who will compose the team. He says they have a fine lot of men under contract.

KICK AT BROWN.

Providence, Feb. 27.—The Brown corporation, at its meeting yesterday afternoon refused to stand by the recent action of the athletic board, which abolished eligibility restrictions on "varsity" men who have received money for playing summer base ball. It, however, declares that such a rule shall not be put in force until it receives official approval of the corporation. After the meeting the following statement was given out:

"Since the change in the athletic rules involving the reaching constituents of an educational, social and moral character and therefore should not be made without mature consideration, we hereby direct that such change shall not be put into operation until it has received official consideration and approval by the corporation. We therefore call upon the board of directors of the Brown University Athletic association to allow no games under the changed rules until action shall have been taken by the corporation at its annual meeting in September, 1904."

The action was received with surprise, for it was thought by many that the corporation was entirely opposed to the athletic board's action. The general feeling here last night seems to be against the action of the corporation. It is generally thought the base ball team as a whole will refuse to play under the old rule and therefore will resign. A few days ago Patten, the all-collegiate shortstop of last year, stated that he would not play under the old rule. The team as a whole will probably refuse to sail under false colors any longer and support the action of the athletic board, consequently declining to take advantage of the action of the corporation, which will let them play under the old rule this spring. Lynch, the star pitcher, can play under either rule.

Just what action the athletic board will take regarding the position of the corporation is a question. It is thought by many, however, that they will stand by their position and refuse to rescind their action.

ATHLETES IN SESSION.

Executive Committee of Intercollegiate Association Passes on Rules.

A joint meeting of the executive and advisory committees of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America was held last night at the Fifth Avenue Hotel for the purpose of straightening out the affairs of the annual convention of the association to-day. Those who represented the executive committee were: E. M. P. Armstrong, Princeton; C. G. Gilpin, Pennsylvania; E. Elton Parks, Yale, and Payson Dana, Harvard. The members of the advisory committee present were Gustavus T. Kirby, Columbia; Murlock Kendrick, Pennsylvania; and Thornton Garfield, Harvard. E. Stufen, Jr., Columbia, president, occupied the chair, and C. R. Adams, New York University, secretary, recorded the doings of the convocation.

The question of declaring a \$10 dividend to colleges who had three representatives at the last track and field championships was introduced and unanimously recommended to the convention to-day.

Applications for membership in the association were read from Bucknell University, Pennsylvania and College University at Hamilton, N. Y. These presents saw no reason why these institutions should be refused admittance to the organization and when brought before the meeting to-day they will no doubt be elected. Their application receive the endorsement of both committees.

A new set of rules governing the championship cup were read and will be brought before the convention for adoption. They are somewhat more specific and explicit than the old rules and no doubt will become law without question. Several amendments to the laws of athletics were read, the most technical being with regard to the finish of the races.

As these new rules only make the duties of judges at the finish a little clearer and render a better plan for the construction of the finish line, they will probably be inserted in the new rules. One important point about the new rules is that all competitors must breast the worsted at the finish and no competitor will be allowed to grab it.

In the election to-day an entirely new set of officers will be forthcoming.

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WRESTLING.

TOM JENKINS IS ANGRY.

Tells What He Will Do to Piening If He Ever Meets Him—Max Luttbeg Heard From.

Tom Jenkins is out on the war path and after a scalp of John Piening, the Graco-Roman wrestler who, he claims, has been boasting of what he could do to the champion if only given a match. This is what the champion has to say of the matter: "Piening and his representative have been atting me in the past two months issuing all sorts of challenges and stating that I am afraid to meet him. In Bridgeport last week when I was substituted for Munroe he did his best to disable me by foul methods. I do not consider him in the championship class and will not wrestle him for the title unless he will agree to meet me as a side bet. His object is to get the match realizing that we will draw a big house and he wants that money. Let him show he is on the level and I will meet him anywhere and we will decide the style of the match by the toss of a coin. He must wrestle, however, before I leave for England."

LUTTBEG AND WILEY.

Says the Rochester, N. Y., Democrat and Chronicle: "Max Luttbeg wants to wrestle Max Wiley to a finish. Luttbeg is now in New York city, having just completed a six months' engagement with the Sam Devere show, meeting all comers. Luttbeg and Wiley wrestled in Pittsburgh hall, year ago last summer for over two hours without either man securing a fall. Ever since then Luttbeg has been very anxious to go on the mat with the local man in a finish bout. He is prepared to make a match to be pulled off in this city some time in March. Luttbeg says he is in fine shape and declares that he is sure he can beat Wiley. The same statement can be made in behalf of the absent Wiley. It has been some time since a wrestling match has been carded in Rochester, the last having been that unsatisfactory contest between Harvey Parker and Wiley. Wiley will undoubtedly be willing to make a match with Luttbeg, but the man is out of town, but just where he is even his own family declare they do not know. He was to have wrestled 'Bobby' Reakes somewhere in Michigan last week, but no report of the result has been received in this city."

SPORTSMEN'S SHOW.

Members of Theatrical Companies Secure Souvenirs.

It was a lively afternoon at the Sportsmen's show at Madison Square Garden yesterday. It was "theatrical day" and the members of the many companies that had been invited were on hand in force. William Gillette, Henry E. Dixey, Mrs. Wilton Lackaye, Mrs. Chapman and Miss Pauline of the "Sweet Kitty Bellairs" company, Miss Spencer, Miss Gordon, Mr. Bruns, Miss Maud Rodney of the Metropolitan opera house company, Miss Daisy Tate and many others were there to participate in the entertainment. The management of the Sportsmen's association. They visited the Indian show took rides on the lagoon in the launch "Buster Brown," held cards and pipes for S. M. an Allen and Captain Jack Smith to wrestle. Inspected the racycles, bicycles and motor cycles in the concert hall, sent telegrams to their friends by the Marconi system and had lots of fun.

Steve Van Allen and Captain Jack Smith excelled themselves in the work they did with the rifle and revolver. Captain Jack shot a piece of cardboard and printed "The Pitt" on it in bullet holes and Mrs. Wilton Lackaye took it away to hang up in the Lyric theater, where her husband is playing the leading part in that play. Captain Smith shot holes in a card held by Miss Gordon of the "Girl from Kays" company, who took it home as a souvenir.

Captain Bill Graham, who knows more about shooting ducks than any man in the Garden, conducted several tourists around the Garden, explaining everything of interest that was to be seen.

The attendance at the show yesterday was very large in the afternoon and evening, and the show itself is becoming more popular with the public every day. There were contests yesterday among canoeists, which were interesting and exciting, and very successful in bringing the record for bait casting with half-cannon rubber frogs for distance only. In this contest, D. Brandreth made a cast of 93 feet; L. S. Darling, 92 feet; D. T. Abner, 88 feet 6 inches; Martin Parke, 86 feet; and A. J. Marsh, 85 feet. Up to yesterday the record was 77 feet.

The bear cub Mooselemagnevick was the center of attraction yesterday, and during the afternoon was taken around the lake in a canoe, he being held by a man in a life preserver and climbed the flagstaff, but before he had gone far he slipped and fell into the water and was taken back to the Maine camp to dry out.

A race was arranged between the "Mother Goose" and "Babes in Toyland" canoes, and it was won by the "Mother Goose" team in good time.

Another contest between theatrical companies was going on, and this, too, was won by the "Mother Goose" company. The boat was a "painted one," and the "Babes in Toyland" company, who were the winners, were enthusiastically cheered.

Tom Sharkey who is to fight Jack Munroe in Philadelphia to-night, stopped training yesterday and paid a visit to the Sportsmen's show. He was soon identified, and he walked around among the exhibits and was followed by an admiring crowd.

The Indians had made preparations for the visitors at the show yesterday, and presented each visitor with a handsome hand carved paddle, which was then presented and carried away with other relics that were secured in the Garden during the day.

The five casting contest in class K, black bass flies, for distance only, was won by L. S. Darling with a cast of 81 feet 10 inches; D. T. Abner, 72 inches; A. J. Marsh, 71 inches; W. H. Hammett third, with 71 feet 5 inches.

"BIFF" ELLISON DEAD.

The Most Noted and Remarkable Sport in New York.

New York, Feb. 27.—Frank ("Biff") Ellison is dead.

Man-about-town, big, strong, belligerent, the victim always of his own aggressive masculinity, he has fought his last fight.

Ellison died yesterday afternoon from pneumonia on the top floor, rear apartment, at 130 West Thirty-fourth street.

His last hours were peaceful. Friends soothed him and members of his own family with whom he had not been entirely friendly for years, held his hands while he waited.

"The last time Broadway—theater and Broadway were firm friends—saw Ellison, was Saturday last. He ate breakfast then in the cafe of the Herald Square Hotel.

"How are you, Frank?" asked a friend whom he met there.

"A cold has an awful clutch on my chest," was the reply, "but I'm going to beat it."

That was "Biff" Ellison—he was "going to win."

The next day a physician was called. No one knows who called him. "Biff" had no butler, no valet, in these last days.

"Go to bed," said the doctor.

"Give me another day," pleaded Ellison.

On Wednesday his friends began to tiptoe up the stairs to his room. Ellison was putting up a hard fight, but he had a foe this time that would not be denied.

Three physicians were at his bedside on Thursday, and two trained nurses. Oxygen was administered. Friends sat about and watched the strong man in his last contest.

Ellison was almost out yesterday morning, but his teeth were set in a determination to live. He regained some strength during the day, and it was thought he would pull through.

Late in the afternoon he looked about him at the things he knew best in the heyday of his strength. There were foils on the walls, and a set of boxing gloves. Swords from the four corners of the earth were arranged on the walls, together with photographs of his best friends—the friends that stuck when fate and "Biff's" unfortunate belligerency were forcing the best things in life away from him.

Then at 5 o'clock life's shadow came in at the window and big, strong "Biff" died.

In his death, New York loses one of the most aggressive picturesque characters it has known—and the city has known many. "Biff" Ellison was born with a good spoon in his mouth, but he soon outgrew the spoon and took on trouble in its stead.

He was a man who was not afraid of men. This characteristic beget many affairs with the police that made his name familiar to the force.

He thrashed policemen as often as he was told by them to keep quiet. "Biff" Ellison never could understand a policeman, and there is no record of a policeman ever having agreed with Ellison on any given subject.

About ten years ago there came into "Biff's" life the trouble that robbed him of most of his friends and took from him his citizenship—and "Biff" was a stout citizen.

He attacked a banker—Henriques by name—the father of a young woman to whom Ellison had been attentive. The banker preferred charges of assault against his daughter's suitor and he was convicted and sent to state's prison.

When Ellison went to Sing Sing, Ellison's friends—most of them—were through. They had stuck by him while he whaled policemen into various conditions of submission and beat up a score or more of cabmen, and others, but when he went to jail for striking "Old Man" Henriques, "Biff" lost more than his liberty.

Ellison was marked from the time he got out of prison. It was a feather in any man's cap to insult the man who had licked policemen and it is history that "Biff" took more insults to the square inch in the last five years than any man in New York.

"My hands are tied," he said to an old friend a few years ago.

"The cowards that insult me to-day wouldn't dare to look me in the eye before I got into trouble. It's hard, but I've got to stand it. I must stand it."

Ellison's reputation was an unenviable one before he was convicted of assaulting Henriques. Born in Philadelphia of a wedd-to-do family, he ran away to the civil war as a mere lad. He was the youngest commissioned officer in the federal armies, being graded a lieutenant when he was not quite 15 years old. He was wounded, a grape shot striking him in the mouth, fracturing the jaw and leaving a scar that he carried for life.

He came to this city when a young man and soon was an associate of Hermann Goelicks and Fred May. It was said that May was the only man who could handle him. At first he figured in a number of escapades of a minor sort. Of magnificent physique, handsome features, independent fortune and a brute courage, that did not know what fear meant, Ellison became one of the gayest of the gay set.

He was a member of several clubs, but one by one they repudiated him. He was suspended from the Manhattan club for shamooning a fellow member with a Welch rarebit, which he had been cooking in a chafing dish. He was also dropped from the Union and Racquet clubs.

Thermometers in Demand.

"Thermometers?" Yes, we are selling lots of them, said the young woman before the optical counter in the big department store. "Our sales always jump in weather like this, and in extremely hot weather in summer. During a long spell of even weather, when a winter is not extraordinarily cold or a summer is not extraordinarily hot, there is little demand for thermometers. But just let a very cold spell set in in winter, or a very hot spell in summer, and it makes all the difference in the world in the sales of our department, although thermometers are simply regarded as a side issue. Suburbanites are especially eager buyers, particularly at this time of year, when the temperature in the early morning is several degrees lower in the outlying districts than it is in the city proper. It is a great source of satisfaction to the suburbanite to come in town, see a thermometer registering 7 degrees above zero, and say with greater complacency, 'Why, my thermometer on my porch was 1 degree below when I left home.'"

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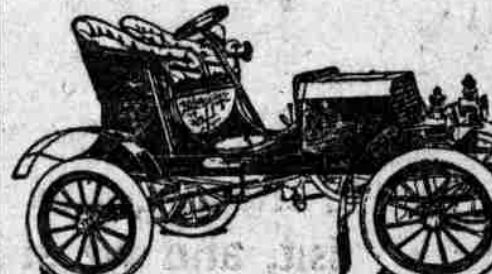
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